

REMARKS

Initially, in the Office Action dated January 27, 2004, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,356,908 (Brown et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,667,751 (Wynn et al.). Claims 3-5 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. in view of Wynn et al. and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,424 (Kanno et al.).

By the present response, Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 to further clarify the invention. Applicants have submitted new claim 11 for consideration by the Examiner and submit that this claim does not contain any prohibited new matter. Claims 1-11 remain pending in the present application.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. in view of Wynn et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Brown et al. discloses a method for presenting content from the page in a distributed database. A page of data from the database is presented to a user. The page has a plurality of links to linked pages in the database. A set of thumbnail images of the linked pages in the database is presented to the user near the links to the linked pages.

Wynn et al. discloses an enhanced web browser that includes a visual history browser which allows recording of browsing sessions and visual replay or review of

browsing sessions. As websites are visited during a normal browsing session, images of the pages viewed are rendered and stored in the system's memory, and are keyed to entries in the web browser's history log. The user may visually browse back and forth through the history of the web browser until he or she finds the page desired, and then jump to that page on the web.

Regarding claims 1 and 6, Applicants submit that neither Brown et al. nor Wynn et al., taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of these claims of, inter alia, presenting and managing a history of web pages accessed that includes reducing the size of an accessed web page to a thumbnail snapshot. The Examiner asserts Brown et al. discloses these limitations, in the claims of the present application, at col. 6, lines 1-6. However, this portion of Brown et al. merely discloses, as the Examiner has stated, a thumbnail assistant (516) that generates thumbnail images for each linked web page (625). This is not reducing the size of an accessed web page to a thumbnail snapshot, as recited in the claims of the present application. Brown et al. discloses thumbnail assistant (516) generating thumbnail images for each linked web page and determining the appropriate placement of the thumbnail images. In contrast, the claims of the present application relate to generating thumbnail images for each accessed web page.

Regarding claims 2 and 7, Applicants submit that these claims are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 6 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding these independent claims. For example, Applicants

submit that none of the cited references disclose or suggest prior to reducing the size of the accessed web page to a thumbnail snapshot, checking a history file to determine if the accessed web page is in the history file and reducing the size of the accessed web page only when the accessed web page is not in the history file.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that neither Brown et al. nor Wynn et al., taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 of the present application. Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

Claims 3-5 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. in view of Wynn et al. and further in view of Kanno et al. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Kanno et al. discloses an image display bookmark system that includes a bookmark processing unit and a data storing unit. The bookmark processing unit registers a reduced image of a page corresponding to a bookmark for each user of a WWW browser. When a user selects a reduced image that has been registered, the page is displayed on a GUI screen of the WWW browser. The system administrator can designate authority to register, change, and delete bookmarks to each user. An automatic traveling unit automatically travels pages corresponding to images that have been registered, updates the reduced images, titles or URLs of the pages, and maintains the bookmarks as the latest information.

Applicants submit that claims 3-5 and 8-10 and new claim 11 are dependent on one of independent claims 1 and 6 and, therefore, are patentable at least for the same reasons noted regarding these independent claims. For example, Applicants submit that none of the cited references disclose or suggest the thumbnail snapshot being displayed to the user in a toolbar.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that none of the cited references, taken alone or in any proper combination, disclose, suggest or render obvious the limitations in the combination of each of claims 3-5 and 8-11 of the present application. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn and that these claims be allowed.

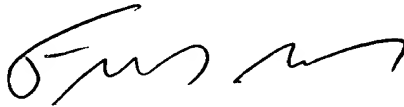
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-11 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (referencing attorney docket no. 0171.38958X00).

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